

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amend the specification by adding before the first line the sentence:**

This is a National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/KR2004/002888 filed November 9, 2004, which claims priority from Korean Patent Application 10-2003-0079482 filed November 11, 2003, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Please replace the first full paragraph at page 16, with the following paragraph:**

Meanwhile, for western blotting, the purified anti-HGF Fab (about 1-3 µg) was subjected to electrophoresis by loading on NuPAGE® Novex 4-12% Bis-Tris Gel (Invitrogen) (polyacrylamide gel system for high performance gel electrophoresis). The Fab separated according to molecular weight was immobilized onto BioTrace Nitrocellulose membrane (PALL). The membrane was treated with 5% non-fat dry milk/TBS for 30 min to block. Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated anti-human goat Fab polyclonal antibody (Pierce) was diluted with 3% non-fat dry milk/TBS in a ratio of 1:1000 and reacted with the membrane for 1 hr with stirring. The membrane was washed with TBS for 30 min and wetted evenly with an equal volume mixture of Supersignal West Pico stable peroxide solution (Pierce) and Supersignal West Pico Luminol/Enhancer solution (Pierce). The membrane was exposed to X-ray film (Kodak) in a darkroom.